

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
NORTHERN DIVISION

LORENZO NEAL BILLINGSLEY,)
#188 586,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:17-CV-862-WHA
) [WO]
LT. ROBERT E. PARKER, *et al.*,)
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Defendants.)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Plaintiff, an inmate incarcerated at the Bullock Correctional Facility, filed this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action on December 22, 2017. Upon initiation of this action Plaintiff filed an application seeking leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* before this court. Doc. No. 2. In support of this request, Plaintiff provided financial information necessary to determine the average monthly balance in his prison account for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of this complaint and the average monthly deposits to his inmate account during the past six months. *Id.*

After a thorough review of the financial information provided by Plaintiff and pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1)(A), the court determined that Plaintiff owed an initial partial filing fee of \$9.33. Doc. 3. The court directed Plaintiff to pay the initial partial filing fee on or before January 31, 2018. *Id.* at 2. In addition, this order specifically informed Plaintiff “that it is his responsibility to submit the appropriate paperwork to the prison account clerk for transmission of his funds to this court for payment of the initial partial filing fee.” *Id.* The order also “advised [Plaintiff] that if he is unable to procure the initial partial filing fee within the time allowed by this court he must inform the court of such inability and request an extension of time

within which to file the fee.” *Id.* at 3. Moreover, the court specifically cautioned Plaintiff that failure to pay the requisite fee within the time allowed by the court would result in a Recommendation “that his case be dismissed and such dismissal will not be reconsidered unless exceptional circumstances exist.” *Id.*

Plaintiff failed to pay the initial partial filing fee within the time allowed by the court. The court, therefore, concludes that this case is due to be dismissed. *Moon v. Newsome*, 863 F.2d 835, 837 (11th Cir. 1989) (As a general rule, where a litigant has been forewarned, dismissal for failure to obey a court order is not an abuse of discretion.); *see also Tanner v. Neal*, 232 Fed. Appx. 924 (11th Cir. 2007) (affirming *sua sponte* dismissal without prejudice of inmate's § 1983 action for failure to file an amended complaint in compliance with court's prior order directing amendment and warning of consequences for failure to comply).

Accordingly, it is the RECOMMENDATION of the Magistrate Judge that this case be DISMISSED without prejudice for Plaintiff's failure to pay the initial partial filing fee in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1)(A) as ordered by this court.

It is further

ORDERED that **on or before March 13, 2018**, Plaintiff may file an objection to the Recommendation. Any objection filed must specifically identify the factual findings and legal conclusions in the Magistrate Judge's Recommendation to which Plaintiff objects. Frivolous, conclusive or general objections will not be considered by the District Court.

Failure to file a written objection to the proposed findings and recommendations in the Magistrate Judge's report shall bar a party from a *de novo* determination by the District Court of factual findings and legal issues covered in the report and shall “waive the right to challenge on appeal the district court's order based on unobjected-to factual and legal conclusions” except upon

grounds of plain error if necessary in the interests of justice. 11th Cir. R. 3-1; *see Resolution Trust Co. v. Hallmark Builders, Inc.*, 996 F.2d 1144, 1149 (11th Cir. 1993); *Henley v. Johnson*, 885 F.2d 790, 794 (11th Cir. 1989).

DONE, this 27th day of February 2018.

/s/ Wallace Capel, Jr.
CHIEF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE